

eucen 2023 Policy Talks in Brussels

Wednesday 20 September 2023 | 13:30 to 17:30 CET

Special Announcement

University lifelong learning as a catalyst for sustainable economic, societal and democratic development in Europe

In this European Year of Skills, European universities must strengthen and accelerate their role in the development of lifelong learning to develop skills and competences relevant to economic and social changes and challenges in an effective and efficient way.

Lifelong learning, social capital and the building of committed and prepared communities require universities to be active and assume social responsibility as active citizens to provide inclusive and flexible forms of knowledge transfer to achieve the United Nations SDGs.

In line with the messages of the latest UNESCO UIL publications on the role of universities in the development of lifelong learning and the discussions during the Global LLL Summit 2022 in Singapore, **eucen** will demonstrate during the **eucen** Policy Talks 2023 how strong, innovative and adaptive European universities are and how they can be key to answering the economic and social calls to provide quality lifelong learning opportunities, based on partnerships with relevant stakeholders in local and regional contexts.

The eucen 2023 policy talks will put the roles and responsibilities of universities in the development of lifelong learning at the centre of the discussion, with the dimensions of university lifelong learning, which are the development of skills, the effective transfer of knowledge and the adaptation to real needs.

Invited representatives from international organisations and European institutions/organisations will highlight the challenges and perspectives of economic and social development and discuss the issues of employability, social cohesion, sustainable communities, equity and inclusion that should be at the heart of university lifelong learning.

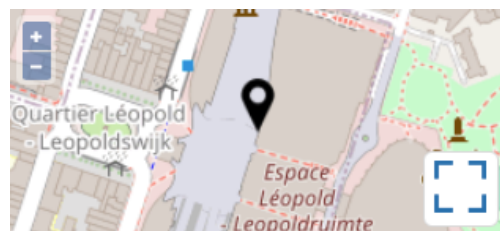
Audience | Civil Society connected to education and European Policy Makers

Date | Wednesday, 20 September 2023, starting at 12:30CET

Venue | Info Hub of the European Parliament

Espanade Solidarność 1980 - Bruxelles/Brussels

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Programme

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12:30 Lunch

13:30 **Opening** | Pascal PASCHOUD, President of **eucen**

13:40 **Innovation and Adaption - Economic Challenges to University Lifelong Learning** | Chair: Balázs NÉMETH, **eucen** Ambassador

- Klara ENGELS-PERENYI, DG EMPL
- Edith HAMMER, UNESCO UIL
- El Iza MOHAMEDOU, OEDC Centre for Skills
- Rasmus JOHNSEN, Danish Universities' Continuing Education Committee
- Arne CARLSEN, Hall of Fame of Adult and Continuing Education Europe, European Chapter-HOFE

15.00 *Coffee break*

15:20 **Collaboration and Co-operation - Social Challenges to University Lifelong Learning** | Chair: Cati JEREZ, Fundació Solidaritat UB and member of **eucen**

- Svein HULLSTEIN, DG EAC
- Marta RODRIGUES, EURASHE
- Horia ONITA, ESU
- Gina EBNER, EAEA
- Brikena XHOMAQI, LLL Platform

16:45 **Open Discussion**

17:20 **Closing** | Pascal PASCHOUD, President of **eucen**

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